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TWENTY-FOURTH SERIES

**HEROISM IN EARLY AMERICAN
ART AND POLITICS**


Garry Wills

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Room 120
Hutchins Hall

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WILLIAM WILSON COOK, recipient of the A.B. and LL.B. degrees from the University of Michigan, and until his death in 1930 a distinguished member of the New York Bar, was exceedingly generous to his Alma Mater. Among his benefactions were the gifts of funds for the William W. Cook Law Quadrangle and for the Martha Cook Building—a residence hall for women. Mr. Cook had many interests outside the practice of his profession, but none was stronger than his concern for the preservation and strengthening of American institutions. This devotion is made clear in his two-volume work entitled *American Institutions and Their Preservation*. Motivated by the desire that his University should contribute through scholarship and teaching to the dissemination of sound and useful precepts on these subjects, Mr. Cook established the William W. Cook Foundation for lectures on American Institutions, endowed to achieve the ends he had in view.

GARRY WILLS is that rarity in modern intellectual life, a man whose contributions to the world of ideas are unbounded by disciplinary lines. His writings have ranged broadly over ancient and modern times, religion and politics, and men as diverse as G. K. Chesterton, Richard Nixon, and Jack Ruby. They serve as exemplars of the contributions to our understanding that may be made by imagination and an inquiring and critical intelligence.

Mr. Wills was born in Atlanta in 1934. He received a B.A. from St. Louis University in 1957, an M.A. from Xavier University in 1958, an M.A. from Yale in 1959, and a Ph.D. from Yale in 1961. During 1961–62, he was a Fellow of the Center for Hellenic Studies, and from 1961 to 1967 he served as associate professor of classics at Johns Hopkins University. Between 1967 and 1970 he was a contributing editor of *Esquire*. Since that time he has been a syndicated newspaper columnist. Although he now styles himself a journalist, Mr. Wills has maintained his membership in the academic community by serving, since 1973, as adjunct professor of classics at Johns Hopkins and, during 1976–77, as Washington Irving Professor of Modern History and Literature at Union College. He is the author of eight books, most recently the widely-praised *Inventing America: Jefferson's Declaration of Independence*.

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